GLIDING GHOSTS.

The Illuminated Forms which Startled a Spiritualistic Seance.

Manifestations Produced Under Severe Tests in Light and Darkness.

During the past two or three weeks spiritualistic circles in Washington have been stirred to their depths by the performances of noted mediums now visiting this city, and it is sad to say that there has been more or less acrimony among those whose mission it is to evoke spirits from the vasty deep. The materializations produced by Mrs. Carrie M. Sawyer, at 915 E street, seem to have created a more marked sensation than others created a more marked sensation than others and the reputed manifestations have seriously challenged the credulity of those disinclined to believe that spooks revisit the earth nowadays as they did when the Witch of Endor rose before the astonished gaze of Saul. Numerous challenges have been issued to Mrs. Sawyer, and at an early bour Thursday evening a company of twenty-five persons appeared in her pariors to witness a scance under the strictest test conditions. In this company were three well known physicians, four lawyers, and a number of other prominent ladies and gentlemen. A reporter of The Republican was also present, and was an eye-witness of what took place. The conditions upon which Mrs. Sawyer was to produce the materializations were as follows:

1. The medium to retire with four ladies, to be selected by the visitors, to undress and put on clothing furnished to her.

2. To be tied with a cord farnished by a committee of four gentlemen; the cord to be tied, as the committee saw fit, around the medium's neck and waist, and the ouds of the cord to be passed out of the door held by one of the committee in such a way as to detect any movement on the part of the medium.

3. A piece of court plaster, two by three inches, to be placed over the mouth of the medium to prevent the possibility of using her voice.

4. No singing to be allowed, but perfect

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her voice.

4. No singing to be allowed, but perfect quiet to be preserved, so that any movement in the cabinet could be heard.

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After the visitors had been assigned to seats all the above conditions were carefully complied with. The medium sat bolt upright in a chair, placed against the wall of the cabinet, her neck and waist being elaborately tied to he wall, and the ends of the cord held by me of the committee, a prominent physican. All present testified that the medium was crtainly tied so securely that she could not have

ertainly tied so securely that she could not nove.

The committee announced that the conditions had been satisfactorily enforced, and the cabinet curtain was lowered, leaving the medium within, the outer room being in a subdued but plain light, In less than two minutes a female form, much larger and taller than that of the medium, with flowing black hair, appeared at the door of the cabinet. The form was immediately recognized by a gentleman present as that of his sister. The words "My brother" were plainly spoken. Suddenly there emerged from the spoken. Suddenly there emerged from the cabinet the form of a tiny girl, speaking in childish tones something which the reporter failed to catch. Two ladies in the audience falled to catch. Two ladies in the audience seemed to recognize it at once as a "little Maudie," going up to it and tying a piece of white ribbon around its hair. The ladies said they had often seen the little spirit at seances, and had tied a white bow on its hair on another occasion, though they had never touched it. This form as well as the larger one were distinctly seen at the same time by all in the room.

By whatever means they were produced, they were certainly of the most thrilling character, and calculated to excite consternation among those unfamiliar with visiters from the spirit world.

After the lights had been turned on, the medium was found, as she had been left, securely bound to her chair and the cabinet securely bound to her chair and the cabinet wall, and the court plaster still firmly holding her lips together. The gentleman who had held the ends of the cords throughout said that he had not detected the slightest movement. The medium was much exhausted, but quickly recovered.

After making a thorough examination of the cabinet the cord and the central set.

After making a therough examination of the cabinet, the cord, and the court plaster the committee of four announced that Mrs. Sawyer had performed all that she had promised, and much more; that the conditions had been rigid, and that the manifestations had been of a most remarkable character. One of the committee said that the special purpose of the scance was to severely test the quality of Mrs. Sawyer's medlumship, which had been questioned by envious persons; that the test had been made by investigators not spiritualists, and that all must acknowledge that the lady had done much more than had been expected of her. The bright forms visible during the dark scance were, he said, the most wonderful manifestations he had ever witnessed.

Surgeons' Congress Closed.

The National Surgical association, which convened at the National museum Wednesday, April 30, concluded it labors on Saturday. Washington was selected as the next annual place of meeting, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the last week in April, 1885, as the time. Dr. J. S. Billings, of Washington, was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for the next annual meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, W. T. Briggs, Nashville, Tenn.; vice president, Brinton, Philadelphia; recorder, J. Ewing Mears, Philadelphia; counsel, Henry T. Campbell, Augusta, Ga.; Hunter McGuiro, Richmond, Va.; P. S. Conner, Cincinnat; J. S. Billings, Washington, D. C. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, Dr. Moore.

The Detective Cases.

Thistolat Alternace, Worthington, in the day, April 30, concluded it labors on Satur-

District Attorney Worthington in the criminal court last Saturday brought to the attention of Judge Wylie the fact that the demurrers entered in certain of the ex-detective cases had been set for hearing that morning. He said that he had expected ex-Gov. Wells, the special counsel who had prepared the cases, to assist him in presenting the argument to the court, but Mr. Wells had informed him that his engagement had been canceled by the attorney general, and his connection, therefore, with the cases had ceased. In consequence of this unexpected.

change, and Mr. A. B. Williams, counsel on the other side, agreeing, he asked that the hearing go over for two weeks, which was agreed to. Mr. Worthington further stated that he had examined some of the cases, and in seven of them, as there were subsequent indictments setting out the same charges, he would enter a nolle pros. These were the indictments: George W. McElfresh and Chas. E. Flinder, receiving stolen property; Geo. O. Miller, miscenduct in office and for extertion; George W. McElfresh, for miscenduct in office, extertion, and violating section 357 of the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia, and George W. McElfresh, George O. Miller, James A. McDevitt, John W. Coomes, Joseph Acton, and A. H. Voss, for compounding a felony. compounding a felony.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE NEW OPERA.

To the Editor. Your discriminating comments upon the debut of "Desiree" must meet with general concurrence in the minds of all who read them. And, while agreeing almost wholly

detract from public interest in the debut of "the fair Desiree."
Yet, notwithstanding all drawbacks, there were demonstrations of delight and unmistakably spontaneous and unrestrained outbursts of applause, which gave evidence of positive appreciation of the achievements of the composer and the libratist. All this, too, from a large audience predisposed to be critical almost to the extreme.

Surely, Messrs. Souss and Taber may justly feel encouraged; and Manager McCaull is not likely to regret his venture, nor to retract any of the fair things he has said about the good qualities of this "first American opers."

CLIFF WARDEN.

CLIFF WARDEN. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2, 1884.

ATTENTION, SOLDIERS, CONGRESSMEN.

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To the Editor.

Washington, May 2.—Why is it that more republican members do not attend the Friday night sessions of the house set apart for the consideration of pensions? The democrats might be expected to remain away, or attend for the purpose of defeating pension legislation. But it is a fact, to the shame of republican members, that the democrats more largely attend these Friday night sessions than do the republican members. And those democrats who do attend are mostly liberal in their action toward the soldiers. Is it possible that republicans love the soldier during election times and forget him when the house of representatives has a session for the consideration of his claims?

It is suggested that the ex-soldiers of the country examine the Congressional Record every Saturday in order, to see who of their representatives attend these Friday night sessions and take an interest in "pension bills." It would be a good idea to have the Record on hand, and when one of these election time patriots comes around for re-election read it on him, and ask for an explanation of his absence at Friday night sessions.

EX-SOLDIER AND REPUBLICAN.

on another occasion, though they man hever touched it. This form as well as the larger one were distinctly seen at the same time by all in the room.

These two apparitions suddenly vanished, and were immediately followed by the form of a large man, with heavy black whiskers and hair, and attired in full military uniform. This spirit seemed to have no purpose in appearing, however, for it quickly vanished. Following a few moments of silence a vapory something emerged from the top of the door that quickly assumed the form of an aged female hovering in miduir near the top of the cabinet. A voice called for a certain gentleman in the audience, a conspicuous public man from the northwest, who camoun pear where the form was visible, and he said it was his mother. He asked the name of the spirit, and time and manner of death, an swers to which were given in sepulchrait tones, and, the gentleman said, correctly.

After a few more manifestations similar to those described above the gaslights were turned off, leaving the room in total darkness. Two illuminated forms, weird and beautiful beyond description, instantly, flashed in view and moved across the room, almost over the heads of the visitors. Their movements seemed to create no noise whatover, no more than if they were glittering shadows gliding through the apartment. Near a table against the wall another form in luminous white rose, as if from the floor, and in a voice clear and distinct said "God bless you ali." All three of them spoke to a lady in the audience, who declared that it was the spirit of her daughter, dead for many years. A young man was brought to audible sobs by the apparition of a deceased swetheart, who told him to "give the engagement ring to the term of the city authorities attend the provisions of the control was whether the control of the control of the sealed to close the windows and work in close the windows and the control of the sealed to close the windows and work in close the windows and the control of the control of the control of the c

and the case was not decided upon its merits. The only question considered was whether the bill was correct in praying the court to declare the marriage null and void on the ground of fraud, and Judge Cox decided that it was not, but that the bill should have prayed a divorce under the provisions of the statutes regulating divorces in this district. The bill was, therefore, dismissed "without prejudice," thus allowing Mr. Carroll the privilege of bringing another action.

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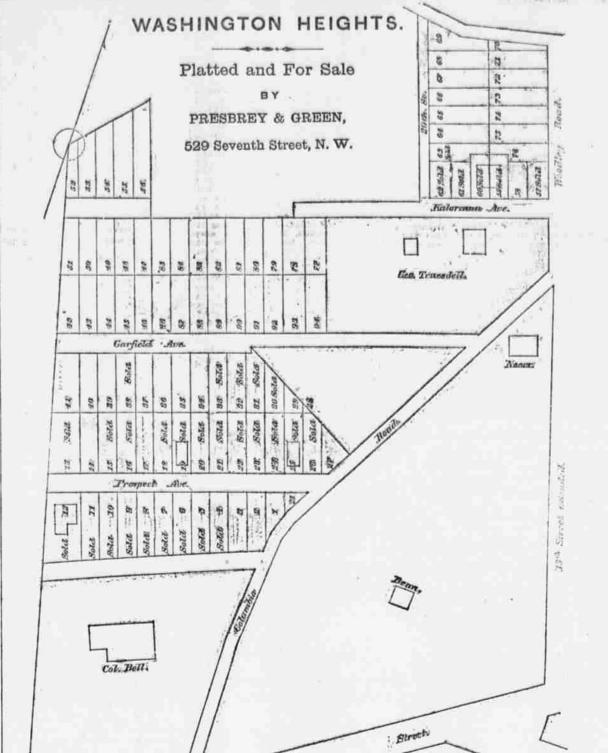
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